

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-14

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FM AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1796

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMCONSUL SYDNEY

AMCONSUL PERTH

AMCONSUL BRISBANE

UNCLAS MELBOURNE 0994

FOR STATE AND LABOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, AS

SUBJECT: STRIKE AT SYDNEY AIRPORT

1. AT EMBASSY REQUEST, LABATT ATTEMPTED TO ASSESS POSSIBLE  
DURATION STRIKE CURRENTLY AFFECTING OPERATION AT SYDNEY AIRPORT.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 28, TRADE UNION OFFICIALS QUESTIONED EXPRESSED  
OPTIMISTIC OPINION THAT STRIKE WOULD END, PROBABLY SOME TIME  
OVER WEEKEND.

3. ONE LEADER VOLUNTEERED STATEMENT THAT CURRENT DISPUTE HAD  
SURFACED "WHOLE CANFUL" OF COMPLAINTS IN AND AROUND  
AIRPORT  
WHICH COULD MAKE FOR FREQUENT WILDCAT STRIKES DURING SUMMER  
TRAVEL SEASON OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS.

4. COMMENT: LABATT NOTES THAT AUSTRALIA CAPITAL CITIES  
PRESENTLY PLAGUED BY INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES WITH HIGH ANNOYANCE  
FACTOR. TOP FOOTBALL EVENT OF YEAR NEARLY DIDN'T COME OFF  
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WHEN UNIONS THREATENED BLACK BAN OVER LACK OF LOCAL TV

COVERAGE; MELBOURNE PUBS ARE DRYING UP DURING BREWERY STRIKE;  
AND NEW SOUTH WALES FACING GRAVE POWER SHORTAGES FROM  
DISPUTE WHICH HAS LEAKED OVER INTO FIRST CLASS PARLIAMENTARY  
ROW. THERE HAVE BEEN FEW STATEMENTS FROM USUAL TRADE UNION  
SPOKESMEN AS MANY ARE STILL TAKING LEAVE IN THIS PERIOD  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER BIENNIAL NATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFERENCE  
EARLIER THIS MONTH.  
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